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SUBJ: CGT SEC GEN MEETS WITH EXILED BOLIVIAN COB SEC GEN LECHIN

1. CGT SEC GEN RUCCI HELD LENGTHY MEETING AUG 6 WITH BOLIVIAN EX-VICE PRESIDENT, CURRENTLY EXILED SEC GEN BOLIVIAN LABOR CENTRAL (COB), JUAN LECHIN OQUENDO. MAJOR TOPICS OF DISCUSSION WERE "ANTI-IMPERIALIST FIGHT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION" AND INTEGRATION OF LATIN AMERICAN WORKERS.

2. RUCCI'S DIALOGUE WITH LECHIN REINFORCES OBSERVATIONS OF EMBASSY LABOR SOURCES THAT PERONIST'S PLANS TO RECREATE LATIN AMERICAN LABOR CENTRAL, WHICH WERE FRUSTRATED DURING JUNE CGT CONGRESS OVER INCIDENT INVOLVING WALK OUT BY CUBAN DELEGATE, HAVE NOT BEEN ABANDONED, ONLY DELAYED. SOURCES INDICATE THAT PUSH FOR LA LABOR CENTRAL, TO INCLUDE ASSIGNMENTS OF ARGENTINE LABOR ATTACHES THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA, WILL BE POSTPONED FOR SEVERAL ADDITIONAL MONTHS BECAUSE OF THE FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY SUMMER MONTHS OF INACTIVITY, BUT THAT THE PLANS WILL BE GIVEN INCREASED EMPHASIS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. ALTHOUGH PRESENTLY DEFUNCT COB SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY CANDIDATE FOR INCLUSION IN ARGENTINE-LED LA LABOR BLOC, LECHIN PERSONALLY IS HIGHLY ACCEPTABLE TO PERONIST LABOR AS HE

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SYMBOLIZES NATIONALIST, ANTI-IMPERIALIST LABOR LEADER,

PERSECUTED BY WHAT PERONIST LABOR SEES AS REPRESSIVE MILITARY
LEADERSHIP IN BOLIVIA.
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